

# The Brattleboro Daily Reform

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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 11, 1916.

TWO CENTS.

## NO ULTIMATUM UPON OBREGON

**Sec. Baker Denies That Gen. Scott Insisted on Answer to Protocol**

## AMERICANS WARNED TO LEAVE MEXICO

**American Consuls Call Attention to Repeated Notices of the State Department—Less Than 3,000 Now in the Country.**

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Further indications that the American army operations on the Mexican border are still indeterminate as to the time given today in official quarters.

It was announced at the war department that the National Guard of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico will be mustered into the army for the period of their enlistment and with no specific time of the federal service stipulated.

Secretary Baker said there was nothing to confirm the border reports that Gen. Scott had served an ultimatum upon Gen. Obregon for a final answer upon the acceptance or rejection of the tentative protocol.

It was reported here that Gen. Obregon would present counter proposals in writing, particularly to fixing the date of the ultimate withdrawal of the American forces.

American consuls throughout Mexico have been instructed to call the attention of Americans to the state department's repeated warning that this government regards their presence there as undesirable.

The last census of Americans in Mexico taken by the state department six weeks ago, showed less than 3,000 throughout the country. Most of them are near Mexico City and on the extreme east and west coasts.

## OFFICIAL REPORTS FROM WAR OFFICES

**French Attacks Broke Down, Berlin Says—Paris Announces That Attacks Were Repulsed.**

BERLIN, May 11, by wireless to Sayville.—Two French attacks on the Verdun front, one delivered near Dead Man's hill and the other southeast of Hill No. 304, broke down with considerable losses under German fire, the war office announced today. On the eastern front heavier fighting is under way. The Germans in one engagement captured 300 yards of Russian positions, taking prisoners 399 unarmoured men.

BERLIN, May 11, by wireless to Sayville.—Increased activity on both Italian and Galician fronts is reported by the Austrian war office in a statement issued May 10.

PARIS, May 11.—Troops made an attack last night on the French position near Vaux pond on the Verdun front east of the Meuse. The war office announced that this attack was repulsed. West of the Meuse, the statement says, there was a vigorous artillery action in the region of Avocourt woods.

## COL. MORIN ARRESTED.

**Ex-Villa Officer Plotted for Uprising Against Americans.**

CORPUS CRISTI, Texas, May 11.—Col. Morin, a former Villa officer, charged with forming a plot for an uprising against Americans in this vicinity, was arrested 19 miles south of San Antonio today by a United States marshal and was taken to Kingsville. Morin was heavily armed and important papers were said to have been found in his possession. He resisted arrest, but was overpowered.

There are 10 national parks in the United States.

## Centre Congregational Church

Thursday, May 11, 7:20 p. m.—Christian Endeavor mission study class will meet with Miss Bessie L. Farnum, 64 Western avenue.

Friday, May 12, 7:30 p. m.—Service in the church. Rev. F. J. Woodward will tell of work in the Micronesian Islands.

## In Odd Fellows' Temple

Thursday, May 11, 7:30 p. m.—Regular meeting of Canton Palestine.

**Safety First  
Quality Next**  
in the Shop of Sanitation  
**The Brooks House Sanitary  
Barber Shop**  
5 EXPERT WORKMEN  
and Some Shine Artist

## SENATORS FIRM FOR ARMY OF 250,000

**No Progress Is Made by Conference and Suggestion by President Is Looked For.**

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The senate and house conference on the army reorganization bill made no progress toward an agreement yesterday. The senators informed the representatives flatly that they regarded their instructions favoring the volunteer army plan and the regular army of 250,000 as final and that they would not yield.

In the meantime the conferees are trying to prepare some sort of substitute for the organized volunteers by providing for the training at the government's expense of a large number of young men each year at camps like that held last year at Plattsburg. The amendment of Senator Lodge of Massachusetts is the basis for this effort which looks to paying the "trookies" on the basis of enlisted men.

Senators feel that a hint from President Wilson favoring the stronger preparedness of the senate bill would go a long way even toward enabling them to get better terms from the house, in spite of the recent votes in the house against the important senate provisions.

So far, however, since his speech convening congress, the President has not indicated his own views regarding the proper size for the army. In an interview with a delegation of pacifists a few days ago the President referred to the senate's bill provision for 250,000 regulars as not unreasonable, but refrained from committing himself to that strength.

After a 7.12 a.m. train to the city.

## RESTITUTION AND RELIEF PROMISED

**Bill in the German Reichstag to Help Sufferers from Invasions During the War.**

BERLIN, May 11, by wireless to Sayville.—The bill providing for compensation to property owners in Alsace-Lorraine and East Prussia for war damages came before the reichstag yesterday on the first reading.

Joseph Emel, Socialist, asked that the reconstruction of destroyed villages be undertaken immediately, so far as may be practicable.

A member of the People's party stated that more than 2,000 civilians were killed or maimed for life by Russian soldiers. It was charged that the invading Russians carried off civilians for the purpose of burning villages systematically. All parties agreed upon complete restitution of property and relief for destitute persons.

## PARENTS WIN IN SCHOOL ROW CASE

**Not Guilty of Restraining Children Kept Out When Transportation Was Not Furnished.**

EXETER, N. H., May 11.—Parents of five children who had refused to allow them to attend the public schools at Newton because of the failure of that town to furnish transportation were held to be not guilty of the charge of restraining the pupils' attendance in a decision of Judge Shute of the police court here today.

The school board of Newton prosecuted the parents. Counsel for the latter contended that the town should provide transportation throughout the school year for pupils who lived two miles away from the schoolhouse. The school board maintained that in carrying children to and from school during the winter months they had fulfilled the town's obligations.

## TURKS ARE FLEEING.

**Russians Occupy a Town 110 Miles Northwest of Bagdad.**

PETROGRAD, May 11.—Much importance is attached here to the Russian operations on the Mesopotamian frontiers both north and east. In the latter sector the Russians have advanced from the interior of Persia to the frontier and have occupied a town 110 miles northeast of Bagdad, their objective. They report the Turks fleeing before them and the capture of several guns during the pursuit.

## TOOK MAIL MATTER.

**British Made Seizures from Norwegian and Danish Vessels.**

BERLIN, May 11, by wireless to Sayville.—A despatch from Copenhagen to the Over Seas News agency says that all first-class mail matter from the United States on the Norwegian Kristianlund Fjord and the Danish steamship Hellig Olav was taken off by the British authorities recently at Kirkwall.

## FAVORS CENTRAL VERMONT.

**Its Control of the Southern New England Road Is Advised.**

BOSTON, May 11.—Frederick J. MacLeod, chairman of the public service commission, favored the proposal of the Central Vermont Railway company to acquire the capital stock of the Southern New England, which is now held by the Grand Trunk road, at a hearing before the legislative committee on railroads today.

## ADVANCE INTO MEXICO.

**Major Langhorne Crosses Rio Grande With Troops of Cavalry.**

MARATHON, Texas, May 11.—Major Langhorne, with his two troops of the Eighth cavalry, crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico last night and are making their way southward today.

## AIRSHIP FELL INTO POTOMAC

**Three of Occupants of Hydro-Aeroplane Rescued Near Mount Vernon**

## TWO PASSENGERS REPORTED MISSING

**Powerful Machine, Which Had Broken Several Records Recently, Was Making a Trip from Newport News, Virginia, to Washington.**

WASHINGTON, May 11.—One of the large hydro-aeroplanes which has been flying between New York News, Va., and Washington, fell into the Potomac river near Mt. Vernon today and was wrecked. Three occupants were rescued by a tug boat. Two are missing.

The machine fell about 100 feet. The tug boat, which was sent to the rescue, picked up three men, two of whom were pushed to the Alexandria hospital and the tug returned to search for the missing men.

The machine on Monday completed a round trip from Newport News to Baltimore with five men aboard, establishing several records. Shortly after the return to Newport News it was decided to make the return trip to Washington the same afternoon. On the trip engine troubles developed, causing the machine to leave the trip on the surface of the water. Repairs were made and the return trip to Newport News was begun this morning.

## 400 KILLED IN THE DUBLIN RIOTS

**Total Casualties Placed at 1,000—Harrington Wanted as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.**

LONDON, May 11.—Lists containing 400 or more names of persons arrested have been published. The latest estimate of casualties in Dublin places them at about 1,000, of whom 400 were killed. These figures include soldiers, insurgents and civilians. The fact is noted in Dublin that since the insurrection there has been an increase in the rate of recruiting there even while the controversy over the causes and manner of handling the insurrection is still in progress. Efforts are being made to reach a compromise on the home rule question. Those who most desire this are urging that Lord Harrington, after he has concluded his inquiry into the disturbances, shall be appointed lord lieutenant of Ireland. It is believed that a diplomat would be more likely to bring the two parties together than would a politician. There are rumors in parliamentary circles that negotiations of some kind are being arranged and that Sir Edward Carson and John Redmond, the leaders of the parties, are concerned with them.

## ANOTHER CONFERENCE HELD AT EL PASO

**Gen. Funston Wishes to Have 2,000 Infantrymen Mounted for Border Patrol Work.**

EL PASO, Texas, May 11.—Negotiations looking forward toward a settlement of the American-Mexican military question were resumed this morning. The conference was attended by Maj. Gen. Scott and Funston representing the United States and Gen. Obregon, minister of war of the defunct government, and the sub-secretary of foreign affairs in Mexico.

Gen. Funston desired to strengthen the border patrol by mounting 2,000 infantry men on Texas ponies. The general plans to make this recommendation to Secretary Baker because the available forces of cavalry for patrol have become practically exhausted. Gen. Funston points out that Texas ponies are suited for patrol work as they can live on the scanty grass along the border. Gen. Funston said he was considering that the First Illinois cavalry be called out for patrol work along the Rio Grande.

He believes that Major Langhorne whose troops were well over the Rio Grande into Mexico today, has a good chance of at least overtaking part of the bandits that raided Glen Springs.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. Roger P. Donoghue and guest, Mrs. Greer, returned last evening to their homes in Holyoke, Mass., after visiting at the home of Mrs. Donoghue several days.

Miss Jessie Hawley returned last night from Lewiston, Me., where she went to attend the funeral of Miss Mary Bane's mother. Miss Bane is expected to return early next week.

Buy a ticket for the children's pageant, Robin Hood, for playground benefit May 22. Only 25 cents each.—Adv. 62-64

Argentina is to have a bag-making industry.

## UNIVERSALISTS HAVE BIENNIAL ROLL CALL

**Large Number of Church Members Enjoy Supper and Program—Rev. Albert Hammatt Speaker.**

Not far from 150 persons attended the biennial roll call of the Universalist church members in the church vestry last evening, which was the largest attendance at a roll call since Rev. D. E. Trout became pastor nine years ago. An excellent supper was served at 6.15, and an orchestra played during the supper hour. At the head table was the speaker of the evening, Rev. Albert Hammatt of Springfield, Mass., formerly pastor in Bellows Falls, Rev. and Mrs. E. Q. S. Osgood of the Unitarian church, Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Trout and daughter and the deacons and wives and officers of the Universalist church.

After supper the chairs were pushed back and the program was begun. Miss Miriam Childs rendered a soprano solo, and Rev. Mr. Trout made brief remarks relative to his pastorate of nine years, giving some statistics concerning the church membership. Rev. Mr. Osgood spoke in a congratulatory vein and the church clerk, Mrs. Helen M. Newman, gave a report covering the past two years.

Then followed the calling of one-half the roll by the clerk, each person standing and answering to his or her name. Miss Jean Blodgett rendered a contralto solo and then the calling of the roll was completed. Col. Thomas Hammon of Bennington, who always comes to attend this meeting, was called on for remarks, after which Miss Childs and Miss Blodgett sang a duet.

The pastor at this point introduced the speaker, Rev. Albert Hammatt, whose subject was "The Challenge of Christ." The challenge, he said, is first to the individual to magnify one's life and not to minimize its influence. The challenge is not merely to the individual, but to the body corporate, to bring social as well as individual justice. Democracy that is not founded on a high type of morality and righteousness counts for but little in the long run. The speaker gave several illustrations from the business and commercial world and spoke in his usual eloquent and impressive manner.

Those present from out of town were Mrs. Edna Cheney of Portland, Me., and Col. and Mrs. Thomas Hammon of Bennington.

## PAPP KILLED BY HIS YOUNG WIFE

**Her Attempt to Shoot Herself Frustrated—Man Alleged to Have Lost Money Gambling.**

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., May 11.—Nicholas Papp was shot and killed by his young wife, it is alleged, at a local factory in the presence of a number of fellow workers. Mrs. Papp then attempted to take her own life, but spectators snatched the revolver from her and she was turned over to the police.

The shooting occurred, it is said, after Papp had refused his wife's pleas that he give up his alleged gambling associates. According to the police Mrs. Papp claims that her husband, within a short time, had lost by gambling \$1,500 of their savings. The couple came here recently from Canada.

## COLUMBUS WELL GUARDED.

**Commander Assures Townspeople Regarding the Defensive Measures.**

COLUMBUS, New Mexico, May 11.—Fears expressed by some of the more credulous residents of Columbus were allayed today by a call made by Maj. W. R. Sample, base commander, upon the mayor.

Major Sample assured the townspeople that the defensive measures being taken here by the troops are purely precautionary and that in the event of trouble he will notify them immediately. Despite these assurances a few of the citizens left town. A company of light infantry slept on their arms last night that they might be prepared for action.

## OLD CASE TO BE ARGUED.

**Suit of Clara B. Lowe Against Vermont Savings Bank Up Tomorrow.**

There will be argued tomorrow in the supreme court in Montpelier the case of Clara B. Lowe of Montpelier against the Vermont savings bank of Brattleboro, a case that has been in the courts in various phases many years.

It is based on a claim of a deposit made in the bank by Harry Lowe, husband of the plaintiff. He made deposits in the name of Clara B. Lowe and in those of Ella Bailey and Harriet Bailey, sisters of Mrs. Lowe, and then another deposit in his name as trustee for Mrs. Lowe and the Misses Bailey.

At one time he drew from Mrs. Lowe's account the sum of \$1,000 and credited it to the trustee account, later withdrawing it from that account and re-depositing it to her personal account. The plaintiff claims that he had no power of attorney for her and demands the sum which was originally drawn from her account in addition to the face of the account after the amount had been transferred to her account from the trustee account.

Clarke C. Fitts and E. W. Gibson of Brattleboro are for the bank and Harry Shurtliff of Montpelier and Frank Plumley of Northfield are for the plaintiff.

## Did He Go?

Johnson — "I wonder if Mr. Jones meant anything personal by giving me a ticket to a lecture on 'Poets'?"  
Jackson — "Why?"  
Johnson — "Because the ticket says, 'Admit One.'"  
—The Christian Herald.

## CHIEF WILSON DAY POLICE

**New Traffic Posts Necessary to Services of Officer**

## POST IS PLACED IN POSITION TODAY

**Town and Village Act Together for Benefit of Traffic and Public—Regulations to Be Prepared and Special Village Meeting Called.**

A traffic post was placed this afternoon, by the village commissioners and the selectmen of the town acting together, at the intersection of Main and Elliot streets, and another will be placed at the intersection of Main and High streets. The object is, of course, to safeguard traffic at those points and better provide for the safety of the public.

The village officials and Police Chief George Wilson spent the evening in Greenfield yesterday and studied the traffic regulations there.

Appreciating the necessity of having someone to enforce traffic rules, arrangements have been made by the officials whereby Chief Wilson went on duty at 12 o'clock noon. He will go on duty each night and work until about midnight. Officer Ellis G. Worden will go on duty early in the evening and work through the night. The time of heaviest traffic is in the afternoon and evening and with the traffic posts and the officer on duty in the afternoon it is hoped that pedestrians will have an easier time crossing Main street than has been the case in the past.

The proper location of the post at the corner of Main and Elliot streets is one that will be determined by practical use and it may be found advisable to change it several times before the proper location is finally determined.

It is the purpose of the officials of the village and town not to put into force any unreasonable regulations, but only those which will serve as a protection alike to drivers and pedestrians. The officials ask the co-operation of all drivers to the end that the traffic problem may be simplified.

It is probable that the commissioners and selectmen at an early date will prepare some reasonable traffic regulations and submit them to a special village meeting for approval. In working out these regulations the officials will be glad of suggestions and co-operation on the part of owners of vehicles.

## SEARCHING EDDIES FOR GIRL'S BODY

**Diver Finds No Trace of Miss Gladys Stearns—If Not Held Down Body Should Rise Soon.**

(Special to The Reformer.)

HINSDALE, N. H., May 11.—John Care, the Connecticut River Power Co.'s diver who has been searching in the river for the body of Miss Gladys Stearns all this week, has found no trace of the missing girl.

Yesterday afternoon he searched the eddies on the east side of the river down about 900 feet from the bridge, and he is continuing the search today.

The current of the river naturally would carry an object toward these eddies, where there are numerous snags.

If the body is in the river and is not held down it should rise early next week.

## FIRST PRIMARY TO BE HELD TUESDAY

**Voters May Express Preference for President—Polls Open from Noon Until 8, in Festival Hall.**

The first presidential preferential primary is to be held next Tuesday in Festival hall. According to the statute this is to be held under the same conditions as an election with officials and check lists. The ballot boxes will be open from 12 o'clock noon, to 8 p. m.

Such voters as care to take advantage of expressing their preference for president may do so by going through the formality of marking a ballot with the name desired. It will have the same effect as a straw vote in a shop, for caucuses and conventions of the political parties will be held as in the past and the delegates will be under no obligations to follow the expressed wishes of such voters as attend the primary as indicated by the preferential primary Tuesday.

## CHILD IS MISSING.

**Fear That Ex-Ambassador Herrick's Nephew Has Been Kidnapped.**

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 11.—The police have been asked to locate Clay Herrick, Jr., the four-year-old nephew of former Ambassador Myron T. Herrick. The child has been missing from his home here since early Wednesday afternoon and relatives fear he may have been kidnapped.

## HEALTH SUPERVISION IN BELLOWS FALLS

**Miss Davis of Brattleboro Makes Preliminary Investigation—Miss Van Patten to Take Position.**

(Special to The Reformer.)

BELLOWS FALLS, May 11.—Miss Anna L. Davis, superintendent of the Brattleboro Mutual Aid association, was here from Monday until yesterday afternoon. She came to make preliminary investigations in regard to the health supervision in the schools, which will begin here next fall when school reopens. She has visited the rural schools and the school in Saxtons River and has conferred with the doctors, some of the teachers and with members of the board of school directors.

A meeting of these latter, with Miss Davis, will be held in the superintendent's office tomorrow night, when the matter of health supervision will be further discussed. Miss Elizabeth Van Patten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Van Patten of Burlington, will be health supervisor here. She is a graduate of the Presbyterian hospital in New York city and is now taking special work in Boston.

It is expected that each of the school rooms will be visited once a week and that Miss Van Patten will make efforts to restrain contagious and other diseases to the minimum. Later it is thought dental clinics may be inaugurated and other forms of health measures introduced. Every effort will be made to induce the parents of the children to co-operate in the work. It is thought also that in the not distant future the Brattleboro health supervisor will work north through Putney and that the supervisor from Bellows Falls will go south through Westminster, thereby increasing the work to a great extent.

Miss Davis went from here to Springfield, where it was voted last March in the annual town meeting, as also was done here, to have medical inspection, or, as it is known among those in charge of such work, health supervision, in the schools.

## HOME ECONOMICS TALKS NEXT WEEK

**Miss Bessie M. Thayer of Vermont Agricultural Extension Service Will Be in This County.**

Miss Bessie M. Thayer of the Vermont agricultural extension service will spend next week in Windham county giving home economics talks and demonstrations. She will give a bread-making demonstration Tuesday afternoon to the Cooking club of the Brattleboro schools. In the evening she will address the Home Study club in West Brattleboro and give a demonstration of reasonable dishes for spring menus. On Wednesday afternoon she will speak to the Ladies' society in Marlboro on "The Principles of Food Selection" and on Thursday evening will have the same subject at a meeting of the Farmers' union in the red schoolhouse in Wardboro. On Friday afternoon she will give a demonstration of reasonable dishes for spring menus in Grange hall in Wilmington. Miss Thayer is the one who gave part of the work at the extension schools last winter, and these talks will be along the same lines. Everybody is cordially invited.

## LETTER CARRIER IS UNDER ARREST

**C. C. Girard of Burlington Charged With Embezzlement—Released Under \$2,000 Bail.**

(Special to The Reformer.)

BURLINGTON, May 11.—Clayton C. Girard, who resigned yesterday as letter carrier in the employ of the government here, was arrested today by Deputy U. S. Marshal F. H. Chapman and brought before U. S. Commissioner Joseph T. Stearns. He was admitted to bail in the sum of \$2,000 for appearance before the grand jury at the May term of the U. S. court at Windsor next Tuesday.

Girard was arrested upon the suggestion of U. S. Postoffice Inspector Buckley on the charge of the embezzlement of money given him by a patron of the postoffice. It is alleged that a woman residing in the south part of the city handed the carrier a letter containing \$11.25, which money she asked him to forward to its destination. After procuring the postoffice money order Girard, it is alleged by the government, kept the money. Another count in the charge is that Girard kept a registered letter handed him by a patron of the office, which letter he kept, but did not use the money which it contained.

Girard has been in the employ of the Burlington postoffice several years, first as office clerk and lately as mounted carrier.

## STRIKE AT SPRINGFIELD.

**Sixteen Hundred Men of Fisk Rubber Co. Are Idle Today.**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 11.—It is estimated that 1,600 men are affected by the strike in the Fisk Rubber company's plant. Of these 1,000 are strikers and the others were thrown out by the lack of work in the various departments as a result of the strike.

## THE WEATHER.

**Fair Tonight and Friday—Cooler Tomorrow.**

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The weather forecast: Fair tonight and Friday. Cooler tonight except in central and eastern Maine. Cooler Friday. Strong southwest to west winds.

## ALL EVIDENCE IS PRESENTED

**Arguments in Averill Bank Case Made in Court at Burlington Today**

## CASE WILL GO TO THE JURY TOMORROW

**Several Brattleboro Business Men Testified Yesterday Regarding Mr. Averill's First-Class Reputation for Honesty in 1914-1915.**

(Special to The Reformer.)

BURLINGTON, May 11.—

The Averill bank case will go to the jury tomorrow in the federal court after the charge of Judge Hand has been delivered.

The arguments of counsel were made today, each side being allowed three hours. F. Cowles opened for the government, and was followed by C. C. Fitts for the defense. R. A. Bullard, district attorney, and R. E. Brown of Burlington made the closing arguments. Many spectators were present.

Evidence in the case was completed late yesterday afternoon. After a conference of attorneys with the judge it was agreed to adjourn until 9 o'clock this morning when arguments began.

District Attorney Bullard cross-examined George C. Averill yesterday afternoon, the witness admitting that there were errors in his reports to the comptroller and that certain entries were made on the books of the bank in the interest of its financial standing.

Mrs. Margaret Averill Adams of Springfield, Mass., daughter of the respondent, testified in regard to the illness of her mother in the fall and winter of 1914.

Dr. G. R. Anderson, the family physician, testified in regard to Mrs. Averill's health and told of frequent visits to consult about her condition. Dr. Anderson said he never prescribed for Mr. Averill but suggested to him one day that he was not well. Mr. Averill, he said, had neurasthenia, due to anxiety or some similar cause. He never asked Mr. Averill what it was.

The defense put on the following witness who testified that Mr. Averill sustained a first-class reputation for honesty during the fall and winter of 1914-1915: Judge E. L. Waterman, Robert C. Bacon, W. E. Dellman, Horton D. Walker, George L. Durbin, W. H. Proctor, F. A. Thompson, C. B. Crowell, C. H. Pratt and C. A. Harris. C. W. Richardson, at one time cashier of the Vermont national bank, testified Tuesday in regard to the debenture bond of \$95,000. Mr. Richardson said the bond was kept in what was known as the north vault, not Mrs. Averill's private papers. Judge Tyler also testified that the bond was not found among Mr. Averill's private papers. Judge Tyler also testified that the first suggestion of considering Kelleher for the presidency of the bank to succeed Mr. Averill came from Mr. Kelleher, and not from the judge or any of the other directors.

## TESTIFY CONVEYOR WAS NOT DEFECTIVE

**Witnesses for Defense Called in Damage Suit Against Last Block Co.—Case Is Nearing End.**

The evidence in the \$15,000 damage suit of Affra C. Ryder of Brattleboro against the Vermont Last Block Co., which has been on trial in county court all this week, will be concluded this afternoon and some of the arguments made. When the noon recess was taken the plaintiff was on the stand in rebuttal.

The defense set up that the conveyor, which was alleged to be defective by the plaintiff, was in perfect condition. C. L. Wyman, who was foreman of the plant at the time of the accident, and B. F. Palmer, the present foreman and at the time of the accident an employee, both testified that there was nothing wrong with the machine from which a heavy block of wood is alleged by the plaintiff to have fallen and hit him on the head, badly injuring him.

Mr. Wyman further testified that after the accident he helped take the plaintiff to the office and dress his injury and that while there the plaintiff told him that it was the plaintiff's own fault because he passed too near the spout and was hit by the block of wood when it came out.

Palmer, too, helped dress the wounded man and afterwards went to the conveyor and inspected it and found nothing defective. The bookkeeper of the company testified that he telephoned for the physician and that some days later, when Ryder came back to work, Ryder told him the accident was his own fault for he got too near the spout. F. H. Sanford, manager of the Last Block Co.'s plant and an official of the company, was on the stand briefly yesterday afternoon to testify as to the company, its officers and employees.

Pupils of the grade schools have tickets for the pageant Robin Hood for sale at 25 cents each.—Adv. 62-64